

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY

1. REVESZ OF MFA DELIVERED TO DCM MAR 29, "OFFICIAL COMMENTS" OF THE GOH CONCERNING A BILL BEFORE CONGRESS AFFECTING DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY. REVESZ WAS CAREFUL TO CALL HIS REMARKS COMMENTS, NOT A PROTEST.

2. THE SUBJECT BILL IS HR-7819, INTRODUCED IN THE 95TH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION, ON JULY 25, 1977, BY CONGRESSMAN FASCELL AND OTHERS. ITS TITLE IS "A BILL TO COMPLEMENT THE VIENNA CONVENTION."

3. REVESZ DIRECTED HIS COMMENTS TO SECTION 7(A)(I) OF HR-7819, WHICH PROVIDES THAT DISTRICT COURTS RATHER THAN STATE COURTS WILL HAVE JURISDICTION OVER CIVIL AND CRIMINAL INCIDENTS INVOLVING EMBASSIES AND DIPLOMATS. THE POINT THAT THE GOH TAKES ISSUE WITH IS THE PROVISION THAT DIPLOMATS HAVE TO REQUEST DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY IF THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS. THE GOH BELIEVES THIS PROVISION IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE VIENNA CONVENTION AND INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE.

4. REVESZ EXPLAINED THAT BOTH HUNGARIAN LAW AND PRAC-

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TICE AND THE VIENNA CONVENTION GIVE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY TO DIPLOMATS UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN HUNGARY. IF THEY HAVE TO REQUEST DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY, AS HR-7819 PROVIDES, THEIR AUTOMATIC DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY IS UNDERCUT SOMEWHAT. THE GOH STRONGLY HOPES THAT THE BILL WILL NOT BECOME LAW, BECAUSE IF IT DOES THE GOH WOULD HAVE TO REDUCE IN A LIKE MANNER THE DIPLOMATIC

IMMUNITY AFFORDED AMERICAN DIPLOMATS ASSIGNED TO  
BUDAPEST.

5. REVESZ REQUESTED THAT WE REPORT THE HUNGARIAN  
VIEWS TO THE DEPARTMENT. DCM UNDERTOOK TO DO SO AND  
TOLD REVESZ THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD TRANSMIT ANY  
REPLY RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO  
RESPOND TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE GOH COMMENT.  
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